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**Re: Monthly Progress Report for October 2017
Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study
Lake Calumet Cluster Site, Operable Unit 2, Chicago, Illinois**

Dear Ms. Kolak:

The Respondents submit this monthly progress report to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), Region 5, pursuant to Paragraph 46 of the Administrative Settlement Agreement and Order on Consent (AOC) and attached Statement of Work for the Operable Unit 2 Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study (RI/FS) at the Lake Calumet Cluster Site in Chicago, Illinois (the Site). This progress report summarizes efforts by the Respondents to fulfill the requirements of the AOC during the October 2017 reporting period.

1. Activities Completed During This Reporting Period

- A. On October 11, 2017, the Respondents submitted the September 2017 monthly progress report to USEPA with copies to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA).
- B. On October 18, 2017 representatives of the Respondents met with USEPA and IEPA to review the July 24, 2017 Technical Memorandum prepared by Arcadis U.S., Inc. (Arcadis) presenting the findings of RI Site characterization studies and to discuss steps needed to complete the RI and accompanying human health and ecological risk assessments.

2. Results of Sampling and Tests and Other Data

- A. The Respondents submitted no sampling results or other test data during the October 2017 reporting period.

3. Work Plans, Procedures, and Deliverables

- A. The Respondents submitted no work plans, procedures, or other deliverables during the October 2017 reporting period.

4. Actions Projected for the Next Reporting Period

- A. The Respondents will follow up the October 18, 2017 meeting with a proposed plan to address remaining technical issues and to move forward with completing the RI and risk assessments.

5. Progress and Schedule Report

- A. On behalf of the Respondents, Arcadis has completed the RI Site characterization studies as defined in the RI/FS Work Plan, as well as ancillary Site investigation activities (*e.g.*, seep inspection, light non-aqueous phase liquid sampling).
- B. The schedule date for completing the RI was extended to accommodate four rounds of quarterly groundwater sampling rather than the one round envisioned in the schedule submitted with the RI/FS Work Plan.
- C. Pending the agreement on next steps (see Item 4.A. above), the Respondents will work with USEPA to update the schedule for completing the RI and risk assessments.

We trust that this submittal satisfies your requirements at this time. If you have questions regarding this monthly progress report or related project matters, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully submitted,



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